### ARTISTS IN THEIR LINE

Four Slick Crooks Now Occupy Cells in the County Jail.

WORKING THE KNIFE GAME

A Missoula County Man Buncoed Out of Sixty Cold Dollars-The Notorious "English Bill" One of the Gang.

By the Standard's Special Wire. BUTTE, Feb. 16.-Four very slick crooks were lodged in the county jail to-night. Their arrest marks an era in the criminal records of Butte. It is possible that the authorities will find very great difficulty in making the charge against them stick, but that they are artists in their peculiar line there is no question. About a month ago there arrived in the city from Seattle a small, dark-complexioned, pock-marked young man, accompanied by a handsome, blonde-haired lady. They rented a small house just east of the Elks saloon in Mercury street. The lady en-tertained male "friends," as is the custom in that part of the city, while her companion spent his time in neighboring saloons. A reporter of the STANDARD recognized the fellow as "English Bill," alias Johnson, alias Stewart, alias Sew-ard, and who is one of the sharpest and most daring confidence men in America. He has turned some of the heaviest ks in the West, and has been run out Denver, Seattle, San Francisco and aimost every city in the West. The reporter knew the fel-low's record and kept a sharp watch, feel-ing sure that something startling in criminal records of the city would soon

turn up.
Three weeks ago "English Bill" received a letter from Paddy Miles, another notorious crook and confidence man,dated at Seattle. The letter said: "We'il have to shake this place soon, as they are getting onto us." Bill wrote to Paddy Miles and his chums to "shake Seattle and come of to flutte, where everything is new and chances for the game good." These letters were hardly written be-

fore the STANDARD got the tip and was informed of their intentions, Paddy Miles and three others of his gang came on to Batte, arriving here on the night of February 14. They put up in the lower end of the town and every day were to be seen in the company of "English Bill."

On Sunday morning February 15, the day after the arrival of Miles and his gang in this city, two men entered the saloon of John Bode, 304 East Park street, and at the point of a revolver compelled James Fisher, the bartender, to shell cut the contents of the till. The robbers escaped atter a long run. They were masked by risher, the bartender, to shell cut the contents of the till. The robbers escaped atter a long run. They were masked by having handkerchiefs tied over their faces. One was a small, short man with black eyes. His companion was described black eyes. His companion was described as much taller and neavier. The same night an attempt was made by two men answering this description to rob the saloon of Bob Demont on lower Montana street. Since then several hold-ups have occurred in different parts of the city and the deed was always done by two men who answer the description of two members of Paddy Miles' gang. The reporter learned enough of the doings of the gang to warrant the belief that they were responsible for the recent frequent robberies in Butte, and last night informed Chief of Potice Carroll of his suspicions. The officer said he, too, had his suspicion of one of the fellows and had directed the officers to watch him.

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At 2 o clock this morning the reporter saw "English Bill," Paddy Miles and two saw "English Bili," Paddy Miles and two other members of the gang, one of whom is a little man with sharp black eyes and black mustache and who went by the name of Williams, and the other, who is a tall man with reddish complexion, who went by the name of Murphy. The four were in a saloon together on Mercury street, spending money at the bar. The reporter saw Chief Carroll a few minutes afterwards and told him he thought there would be a good-sized job done in a few hours. When passenger train No. 1 was almost ready to pull out at 8 o'clock this aimost ready to pull out at 8 o'clock this morning Paddy Miles and two of his companions, Williams and Murphy, en-tered the Montana Union ticket office and purchased tickets for Silver Bow junction. Miles approached a granger-looking young man who was pacing up and down the platform and said:

"Hello, are you going back?"
"Back where?" interrogated the granger.

"To Philipsburg. Didn't I see you on the train from that town yesterday?" asked Miles.

"No; I'm from Missouia and I'm going "No; I'm from Missouia and I'm going the stranger. Then

back there," replied the stranger. Then the two men got in conversation and Miles soon learned that the stranger's name was T. C. Farrell and that he Miles soon learned that the stranger's name was T. C. Farrell and that he worked in a logging camp at Bearmouth, along the Northern Pacific. They got very friendly. Miles said he used to be a wood chopper in Michigan. He asked Mr. Farrell to have a drink and produced a bottle. The gentleman from Missoula accepted and took a good drink. Turning to Williams, who stood near by, Miles asked him to drink, but the latter refused. Miles and Williams appeared to be strangers. Big Murphy was with Williams and refused to drink. Miles and Farrell took a seat in the smoker and immediately behind them sat Williams and Murphy. When they got to Silver Bow, Miles and Murphy bought tickets for Anaconda. All the way Miles kept offering the bottle to Farrell who soon began to feel the effects of the liquor.

When near Gregson, Miles produced a small iron-handled kuffe which is now in the hands of Sheriff Lloyd. He said it was a trick knife and a splendid scheme to catch fellows for small bets. Miles showed Farrell that the knife could be epened. It is a very ordinary looking knife with an iron handle and having one blade. This blade when opened seems to have a scalloped blade. The funny business in the knife consists of a little swivel, which is so contrived that when in its normal position in the end and back of the knife it rests upon the curied back.

its normal position in the end and back of the knife it rests upon the curied back of the blade, effectually preventing it

from being opened.

After showing the knife to Farrell and explaining its workings, Miles put the innocent little thing back in his pocket and nocent little thing back in his pocket and resumed the conversation about Michigan's lumber woods. In a few minutes big Murphy in the seat behind, asked for a knife to sharpen a lead pencil with which he pretended to be writing. He asked Miles to iend him a knife. Miles nudged Farrell and winked as he handed over the knife above described.

"How do you open this thing?" said Murphy, after he had vainly tried to pull out the blade.

"It's easy enough," said Miles.

Murphy worked at it a few minutes longer and then said it could not be opened.

"What will you bet?" asked the owner

of the knife.
"Twenty," said Murphy.
"If I had the money I d take you up, Miles said as he again nudged Farrell and whispered that here was a chance to catch a sucker. Farrell of course thought he knew the trick, and pulling out \$10 he

staked it in the little black-eyed man's havds against a like sum which Murphy pretended to have put up. Farrell then took hold of the knife and tried to open

"I'll make the bet \$60 if you like," said

Murphy.

"I'll take it," said the Missoula wood chopper, and he put up \$40 more.
Farreil then resumed his efforts to open the knife, but he couldn't do it. It suddenly dawned upon him that he had run against a sure-thing game and he made a

denly dawned upon him that he had run against a sure-thing game and he made a great roar.

The train was just pulling into Gregson at this time. As soon as it stopped Miles and Murphy jumped and ran out of the train and down the track in the direction of Butte. Conductor West immediately telegraphed Deputy Sheriff Hunckley of Silver Bow to come out on a freight train and follow them. Hinckley came out and at Daly's spur, near the new quarry, encountered the men. He jumped from the train and they took to the hills, but the officer soon ran them down, and at the point of the revolver made them surrender. They were brought to Butte and locked up, Miles giving the name of P. J. Moyle and Murphy as J. H. Smith. Williams went on to Anaconda and tonight returned, but up to midnight he could not be found. It is thought he will try to leave the city during the night. He is supposed to be the smail man who took part in the recent highway robberies. Farrell returned to Butte to-night with Conductor West. During the evening, West, Farrell and several others noticed "English Bill" and another fellow watching Farrell very closely. They wanted to get a chance to speak to him and followed him around the city. It was thought they were planning to buy Farrell off, as he has been done in several instances, by sure-thing workers, in Butte lately.

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About 10 o'clock Chief Carroll gave the officers orders to arrest "English Bill" and the other man who was following Farrell. Bill was found in Charlie Marion's saloon, and his partner was caught at the door of the Windsor. When the bars were closed up on these four members of the gang, Chief Carroll procured a scarch warrant and procured as scarch warrant and procured a search warrant and pro-ceeded to "English Bill's" room and searched his trunks. This was done be-cause it was known that the fellow had ocen implicated in several big dia-mond robberies in different cities. Nothing of great value was found, Low-If any stolen valuables had been in his possession it is probable that he "planted" them as soon as he learned the police were on the track of his confederates. In the trunk were found numerous clippings from Denver, Seattle and San Francisco newspapers reporting slick robberies in various parts of the country and also several reports of police court trials and findings or grand juries in Denver, Scattle and other western cit-ies against criminals of different classes. Just why English it's liberature to the treasuring up all these accounts of criminal trials it is not easy to understand unless he and his confederates were directly interested in the result directly interested in the result of these trials. If the police author-nties are not able to keep these thugs and thieves behind the bar it win he a lasting disgrace to this city. There is no lack of evidence against Miles and "English Bill." They are wanted in nu-"English Bill." They are wanted in nu-merous places in the union. Their work in Butte has been pushed in a bare-faced

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It was said that Paddy Miles was wanted in Scattle, and Chief Carroil sent a message for particulars. To-night the following reply was received:

Have nothing against Miles. He has been arrested several times for assanis of different kinds. Always in that kind of trouble. Was wanted at Snohom sh, Wash, some time ago for assault with a deadly weapon.

G. C. Moshor, Chief of Police.

"English Bail," or Stewart, is wanted in Glenwood Springs, Col., for stealing \$500. lie was run out of Denver after taking part in numerous dirty jobs. Three years ago, in company with Jack Brown, a Denver hack driver, he stole several thousand dollars worth of diamonds in San Francisco. They were several thousand donars worth of da-monds in San Francisco. They were caught and before the trial Bull squealed. He turned state's evidence to get clear, while Brown went up for 10 years. Of the other members of the gang but little is known here. They doubtless have re-cords similar to their chiefs.

CALLED HIM A THIEF.

Mr. Koeher Says lie Retalistes When He is Insulted,

BUTTE, Feb. 26.-The cases police court the last few days have not been noticeable for their number as much as for the fun some of them have furrished the court officials and spectators. This afternoon Joe Koeher and Charles Honnegge were tried for disturbing the peace of an East Park street boarding house. As indicated by their names, both defendants were Germans. Honnegge was quiet and reserved. His clothes and person were covered with a generous coating of glossy, shiny dirt, and he exhaled an odor decidedly suggestive of a scrap pile. His whole appearance was that of a man affected with a chronic aversion for everything savoring of work. Koeher, while dressed in the man of the working man did not a more of work. Koeher, while dressed in the garb of a working man, did not appear as much of a stranger to the lavatory as his pariner in misery, and instead of wearing an anarchistic beard his face was cleanly shaven, except where a black, stubby moustache bristled under his rather prominent nose.

Four or five witnesses testified that the

men had been quarreling in the dining room of the boarding house and had made an unusual amount of noise and had used language anything but chaste and polite. Koeher was then put on the stand in his own behalf and rising from

stand in his own behalf and rising from his seat began:
"Mister Chutge, aber I didn't maken any noise. Dees man Honnegge say I stcheal a latter and call me teef. I sayen I bin no teef, und den I set town to ead my soobber. I putten salt und pepper und finegar in the crup, und mixen em oop wen the police come und arrest me. Bud aboud the noise I didn't magke any. You see, de vinimens in de house dondn't like me und dey lie to the boss, und he say, 'voop, rous mit 'cm,' und I vas arresded. Ven a man cail me a teef I dondn't ligke it. Now, Mister Chutge, I vant to say more and tell you all about it."

"I guess you have said about enough," replied the court. "I will fine you both \$5 and costs.

"Mine Gott, chutge, aber you don'd let a man speheak vat's de use bring me here. How much is my fine?"

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Being told the amount Koeher studied a while and said:
"I guess I fool you. I'll gif bonds and pay ven I get reaty. I have a contraed at Valkerville und ven I go to jail I cou'd do de work und I loos de brick und de sant und mortar und den I'm ruined. Dese aldermans and policemans tink dey were effery boty aber I fool 'em ali und dat's vere I got de beed of 'em. Yust sent a man wit me und I fix it oop."

The man was sent and Koeher left the court smiling.

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Honnegge declined to say anything in his own behalf and signified a wiflingness to go to jail at once. He was accom-

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In a few well-chosen words tells what she knows of a celebrated article: June 4.—To Mr. W. M. Wisdom: Dear Sir—I have tried your famous "Rober-tine." It is excellent and I shall be pleased to recommend it to all my lady friends. Believe me, yours truly, RHEA.

## BAD LUCK ALL 'ROUND

A Jail Bird Who Got Hurt in More Ways Than One.

HURT IN A FREIGHT YARD

His Name Attracts the Sheriff's Eye and He Leaves a Hospital Cot to Go Back to His Cell.

BUTTE, Feb. 96 —About two weeks ago a man by the name of Charles Hayes was burt in the Montana Union yards, who he was engaged in coupling cars. He was taken to the Murray & Gillespie hospital on Alaska street and there treated for his injuries. Reading the account of the accident in the newspapers, and not-ing the name, Sheriff Lloyd remembered ing the name, Sheriff Lloyd remembered that a railroad man by the name of Charles Hayes had with two other convicts escaped from the jail at Green River. This was on January 14 and ever since then all three had succeasfully cluded the officers. Tom Whitmore, the Wyoming sheriff, had done everything possible to recapture them.

A call on Hayes at the hospital con-vinced the officers that he tallied with the description, so yesterday morning Under-Sheriff Gallagher went to the hospital description, so yesterday morning Under-Sheriff Gallagher went to the hospital and brought Hayes over to the county jail. At first he denied having any knowledge of the jail breaking at Green River. He said he had never been in the state of Wyoming in his life; that was further cast than he had ever been. But Hayes had an India ink wristlet on his left arm that gave him away. This had been noticed in the description sent out, and its presence was regarded by the officers as conclusive evidence of his identity with the escaped convict frem Green River. Upon seeing that it was useless to lie any longer Hayes gave up and said lightly and laughingly: "Yes, I'm the man all right enough."

Sheriff Lloyd immediately telegraphed the news of the arrest to Sheriff Whitmore, but otherwise kept silent, hoping to find that Hayes' accomplices were about the city and could also be arrested. Hayes taiked quite freely to-day and said that both of the convicts who escaped

liayes taiked quite freely to-day and said that both of the convicts who escaped with him had gone directly to the coast. Hayes' accomplices are named Blum and Smith. Blum is now well known in Anaconda, having at one time run one of the ore trains between Anaconda and Butte, when he was known as thousand. Butte, when he was known as "Dutchy" Blum. There was some confusion about Hayes' identification, because the description furnished required that the description furnished required that the man have a sore and an India ink mark on his left wrist. The sore had healed over and the traces of it were discovered by the under sheriff only with difficulty. As for the india ink mark, that was found on the other wrist. Hayes says that Blum is now in Oregon but Smith must by this time be in Santiago, Chili, where he expects to meet his father and then go on to California. Charles Hayes went under the name of Ciarence Haze while here.

Hayes went under the ham.
Hayes while here.
Meantime Sheriff Whitmore telemorning inquiring inquiring to be Meantime Sheriff Whitmore tele-graphed this morning inquiring whether Hayes would consent to be brought back to Wyoming without requisition papers. Hayes readily con-sented, remarking that he had already given Whitmore trouble enough. So Sheriff Lloyd telegraphed Whitmore to come on without waiting for requisition papers. The Wyoming sheriff is expected to-morrow night, Hayes is wanted in Green River for robbery.

### WITH THE MINERS.

bers, do condemn the action of those legislators who voted against the measure in the mos strenaous terms; and we, the Carpenters and Joiners' union of America, No. 112 of the broth-erhood, do extend our heartfelt sympathy to th-Butte Miners' union, and, fu-thermore, promise to extend to them all the aid possible within our power to further them in their work.

C. LANE,

President of Union No. 112, Carpenters and Joiners of America.

NO MONEY TO PAY THE BILLS. Butte City's Empty Treasury Causes the Scrip Fiend to Smile.

BUTTE, Feb. 26.—The general fund of the city treasury is again empty, and all warrants issued upon the fund are being registered and will be paid in the order registered as soon as the money is ob-tained. In the meantime the "scrip tained. In the meantime the "scrip flend," John R. Bordeaux, is the happiest man in the city, and if his prayers are aa-swered the fund will remain without a copper for months. The "percentage" in prospect for the "flend" causes him to smile everytime be thinks of it.

By the Standard's Special Wire, BUTTE, Feb. 26.—Between 9 and 10 o'clock to-night the police in the eastern part of the city were startled by two shots that were fired in quick succession at the corner of Wyoming and Galena streets. Several officers ran to the corner as speedseveral officers ran to the corner as speed-ity as possible, but could see nobody. Con-vinced that the shots were fired by some one standing in the doorway of the White Bear saloon, the officers made search of the saloon and found a revolver with chambers which appeared as though re-cently discharged. As every one in the saloon denied all knowledge of the shoot-ting the officers were somewhalled to withing, the officers were compelled to with-draw without arresting anyone.

It Will be a Grand Affair.

BUTTE, Feb. 26.-To-morrow evening the fire department will give its annual ball, and every "Jakie" in the city is preparing for the event. It will be a splen-did affair and the boys anticipate a grand time. Visiting firemen from a number of surrounding cities are expected and grand preparations for their reception and entertainment have been made. A large number of tickets have been sold, and as the firemen have nearly escaped the grip the attendance promises to be unusually good.

Liebig International Surgical Institute. The surgeon of above institute in San Francisco and Kansas City will vtsit Misoula, Mardh 13 and 14, office, room 4, Hotel Fiorence; at Moore hotel, Granite, March 16 and 16; at Keiser hotel, Philipsburg, March 17 and 18; at McBurney house, Deer Lodge, March 19; at the Mon-tana, Anaconda, March 29 and 21; at Dil-lon, March 22, for the purpose of arranging with all desiring treatment or appli-ances for deformities. Measurments made for braces and surgical apparatus.

Cut flowers by express every Tuesday and Friday evening at the City Drug store, 71 East Park street.

JUCH AS "LIZABETH." The American Queen of Song as Pleasing as Ever Last Evening. By the Standard's Special Wire.

BUTTE, Feb. 26 .- To those who attended

the opening of the Juch opera season at

Maguire's opera house to-night, Butte City and its life were for a few hours forgotten, while the audience was carried by the solemn strains of Wagner back 600 years to the scenes of the Middle ages. nstead of the mountains of Montana there appeared on the stage in realistic form the mountains of Thu-ringia. For cold realities of free coinage and the price of copper, substituted a picturesque legend of old Germany, with its loreless and its minstress. For the turmoil of the eightminstrels. For the turmoil of the eighthour bill and the scheming of politicians was substituted the simple pastoral scenes of mediavial times, with the shrines and the pilgrims which rendered that period so romantic. From the contemplation of pending divorce suits the authence contemplated the pure, sweet love of Elizabith. The shrick of the steam motor was retired to forgetfulness by the grand strains of Wagner. From the discussion of the merits of the Gaynor fire alarm systems, the people of From the discussion of the merits of the Gaynor fire aliarm systems, the people of Butte "for one night only" thought on the plan of redemption as exemplified by the trustful code of centuries long past. The house was filled, and under the inspiration of an appreciative audience after singing to the barbarians of Helena and Spokane Falls to losing houses, the and Spokane Falls to losing houses, the opera company was at its best and rendered Wagner's music so sublimely that from dress circle to galiery every listener was awed. It was not by applause that Butte's opera goers demonstrated its appreciation of the first rendition of "Tannhauser" in this city. The plaintively religious music was of a character that subdued rather than inspired. eter that subdued rather than inspired. acter that subdued rather than inspired. It was quieting rather than rousing, so while the solemn music portrayed the varying emotions of the minstrel knights and the sweet Elizabeth, a solemn hist heid all the aumence. It was only after the curtain fell and the audience returned briefly from Thuringia to Butte and from the thirteenth to the ninteenth century that the applatise burst forth and no one paused to consider at all whether or not the appainse birst forth and no one paused to consider at all whether or not the music was grand and whether the acting and singing were meritorious. At the close of the second act, the raising of the curtain was demanded and not satisfied with that the stars were called before the curtain, seven of them responding. To discriminate where every part seemed so discriminate where every part seemed so apity taken, where the stars and the chorus, the orchestra, the stage setting, the costumes, the acting and all combined to render the whole so effective would be useless. The opera in its entirety was grand and the tender sympathy of Elizabeth as represented by Miss Juch, the spiendid bass of Franz Vetta as the Landgrave, the tenor of Hedmondt as Tannhauser, the baritone of Rathjens as Wolfram the ministrel, Carlotta Marconda in the pretty shepherd scehe, the Venus of Georgine Von Januschowsky, the chorus of nobles and knights, iadies, pilgrims and sirens, and the splendid or chestra all contributed to the magnificent effect of the whole. The second act of the opera was without doubt the most impressive scene ever presented on the impressive scene ever presented on the

stage of Maguire's opera house.

To-morrow night George Bizet's "Carmen" will be rendered with the following

cast:

Carmen, a Gipsy

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Michaela, a peasant girl

Charlotta Maconda

Mercedes r Gipsies, b lends

Jeanie Flower

Frasquita i of Carmen

Marie Free ert

Done Jose, a brigadier

Payne Clarke

Escamilio, a toreador

Sunggiers

Win. Ste, hens

Zungs, a capitain

Na intisceper guide, officers, dragoons, iads,

cigar girls gipsies, smugglers, etc.

Tho, scene is in spain about 1820.

The, argament is as follows: Jose, a

Butte Carpenters Condemn Legislators
Who Voted Against the 8-Hour Bill.

Butte, Feb. 26.—The Carpenters' union, which, it was claimed, was opposed to the eight-hour bill, has passed the following resolutions on the matter:

Whereas, Owing to the legislature in the city of Helena, in the state of Montana, having teen requested by the unanimous vote of the Butte Miners' union to pass an eight-hour law for their relief, and we, realizing the justice of that request.

Reside, That this body, composed of 405 members, do condemn the action of those legislators who voted against the measure in the most tremuest terms, and was the residual to the residual tremuest. gipsy life, and tempts Jose, who meets her outside the walls, to desert. He refuses, but quarreling with his superior officer about Curmen, is forced to join the smug-giers. Carmen's love grows coid, Escamulo, the popular toreador, woos her, while the jealous Jose departs to visit his dying mother. Carmen is faithless. She goes with Escamillo to the bull fight at Sevile. Jose pursues her, and, frantic at her devo-tion and avowed affection for Escamillo stabs her to the heart.

AS TO JURORS' PAY. A Test Case Will Be Brought Before the Supreme Court.

BUTTE, Feb. 26.-It will be remembered that some time ago B. C. Evans, as one of the trial jurors on the regular panel, instituted an action in the district court against Will Clark, the district court clerk, to recover his fees as juryman on Saturdays and Sundays. The case was merely a test case, undertaken in the interest of all members of the regular panel. Judge McHatton decided against the jurors, expressing his regret that it seemed necessary under the statute to deprive them of fees for seven days and counselling them to procure a adjudication on the supreme court on the question. This course was not taken at the time, as jurors for Deer Lodge aircasty had a similar appeal before the supreme court. This appeal has been thrown out, on the ground that it was not properly brought. So the Silver Bow jurors will appeal the case themselves, in the name of T. J. Bordeaux, one of the jurors.

THE FIREMEN'S BALL.

The New Uniforms Have Arrived and Will Be Worn This Evening By the Standard's Special Wire.

BUTTE, Peb. 26.-The executive com mittee of the fire department having in charge matters connected with to-morrow night's ball notified the STANDARD that the new uniforms had arrived. that the new uniforms had arrived, Members are requested to call at the city hall to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock when the uniforms will be distributed. Weather permitting, at 7 o'clock the department will parade, and all active and honorary members are invited to join. The officers and members of the brigade are favited to participate in the parade as are also the visiting firemen from Heiena, Bozeman and Missoula, who will be assigned proper places in the column.

Orton Bros. have an elegant stock of pianos and organs at reasonable prices. Smoke the Irwin union hand made eigar.

Four additional carriers for routes on STANDARD, apply at STANDARD office Butte, from 6:45 to 7 o'clock a. m. or from

to 8 p. m. Thomas and John Reed have opened up the saloon on North Main street opposite the postoffice, formerly occupied by Hayes & Hurley. A corollal invitation is ex-tended to their numerous friends and acquaintances.

What Men Find to Talk About in the Hotels and Streets of Butte.

AN EPIDEMIC IS ON THE WANE

Invalids Congratulate Themselves on the Clear Weather of the Present Month-A Self-supporting City Department.

BUTTE, Feb. 26.—The grip is on the decline in Butte. Physicians report most

of the patients recovering and only a few being taken down by the disease now. The epidemic is evidently preparing to leave for fresh fields. There have been very few deaths in Butte the past few days, while a week or two ago there were six or seven each day. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon there had not been a death to-day reported at the health office. Health Officer Robarts says that with all the talk about Butte being a mertal

city, most of which comes from the other side of the range, yet on the contrary Butte will rank among the most healthful cities. Even including the deaths of the present month, resulting from the epidemic and all deaths from accident and violence, yet Butte's death rate is lower than that of two-thirds of the cities of the United States. The grip has struck Helena now, and although there is no possible way of telling how many deaths have occurred in that seeinded city, it is stated by people from recently over the stated by people from recently over the range that according to its population, Helena is suffering worse than Butte. Dr. Robarts, who has lived years in Helena, gives it as his firm opinion, that Helena is a much more unhealthful city than Butte, and that its death rate is much higher, even allowing Helena the benefit of the census taken in such a peculiar of the census taken in such a peculiar manner. People who value their health and lives will keep away from Helena. kept away from Butte during the present

It was a blessing that the smoke has month. The mortality would undoubt-edly have been greater. But, meanwhile, nothing has been done toward ridding the city permanently of smcke. It is ex-pected, however, that the smelter men will be moved upon very soon, first being asked to put in some method of getting rid of the smoke, and if pacific measures do not succeed, then legal measures will be used. The smelters can measures will be used. The smelters can take any process they please, but they will have to adopt some process. The city has given them six weeks to do something and so far as known the smelters have made no move. The people would be not only satisfied but delighted to have Hutchinson's consumers put in, and believe that the appearance of the smoke and a great deal of the fumes would then be annihilated. The mayor and health officer can-not proceed with the smoke war any too fast to please the people.

Dr. Gillespie has resigned as the physi-cian of the Butte & Montana Mining companies. There is said to be a good deal of quiet work going on among some physicians for the position. The election of a successor will take place in a few days.

When the health ordinance goes into effect, if that is permitted, it is expected that the scavenger system therein provided for will be self-supporting. It has been made self-supporting in other cities, and it is the intention to do that in Butte.

# TOPICS OF THE TOWN STORE NEWS

(CHANGED DAILY.)

Don't forget the opera goods to which we have been calling your attentionfans, gloves, silk waists, etc. See west display window. These goods are elaborate, but the prices are moderate. Indeed, our prices have always been low, for we have always bought for cash and conducted our business upon the most economical principles. While that is true, we are selling goods much lower now than ever before, as we are anxious to increase our business largely. We have largely increased our facilities by the addition of a commodious room fronting on South Main street, which room is devoted to carpets, house-furnishings, linens, domestics and dress-making parlors, and which is accessible through our main dry goods room and from South Main street. This large increase in room and stock at great reduction in prices throughout the entire house has already met with a generous public recognition and as the facts become better known, satisfactory results must correspondingly accrue, for people will consider their own interests when the outlay of money is invoived. Butte is perhaps the most prosperous city in the world, but even here money doesn't grow on bushes, and patronage is mainly controlled by the inducements presented for its consideration. "The right goods at the right prices" and general business methods which can but elicit universal approval are the corner stones of the foundation upon which we hope to rear a business whose proportions shall only be limited by the resources

which are tributary.
Winter goods—blankets, quilts, underwear and ladies' and children's wrapsat prices which we are sure cannot be met elsewhere in this city. We will be pleased to have you test our advertising utterances.

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S. W. Corper Main and Park Sts., Butte.

N. B.-Mail orders will receive prompt and careful attention. Write for san ples and quotations. O. K. L. & Co.

A. S. HUFFMAN & CO., Wholesale Dealers in

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Examine our prices on Cigars and Liquors of all Mail orders promptly attended to.

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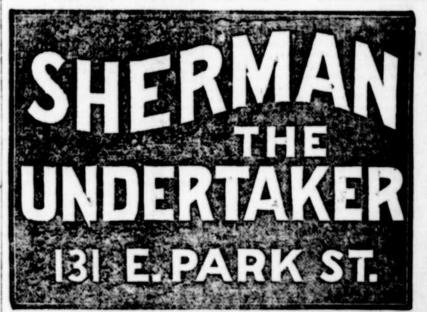
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